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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Comb *et al.*
ASSIGNEE: CELL SIGNALING TECHNOLOGY, INC.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/535,364 EXAMINER: P. Ponnaluri
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FOR: PRODUCTION OF MOTIF-SPECIFIC AND CONTEXT-INDEPENDENT ANTIBODIES
USING PEPTIDE LIBRARIES AS ANTIGENS

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September 17, 2002
Beverly, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d), Applicants hereby petition and request that the above-identified application be made special and advanced in prosecution. The grounds for this petition are as follows: The claims of the present application are drawn to products, namely, a novel class of antibodies. Applicants' assignee has been commercializing and selling these unique products worldwide for several years, and continues to expand this product line. These products are commercially successful and are important to the business of Applicants' assignee. Since Applicants' method for making these novel reagents is now published (and patented in the U.S.), competitors may well risk internal infringement of the hard-to-monitor method in order to offer competing products. Therefore, Applicants desire to accelerate and make special the prosecution of the instant application to secure issuance of the product claims to which they are entitled. Accordingly, prompt and favorable acceptance of this Petition is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee (\$130.00) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(h), 1.102(d) to Deposit Account No. 50-1774, Ref. No. CST-138 CIP.

Respectfully submitted,



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